

# What This War Means to You

Read this clear, simple statement of your duty, as a loyal citizen, in the war in which this country is now engaged.

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The United States is at war with Germany.

That means that every person, whether native or foreign born, who claims the protection of the American flag is at war with Germany.

War is more than fighting. War is service. War is sacrifice. War is the elimination of self. War is country first, and the individual last.

This war will directly or indirectly affect every person living in the United States.

This war will not be won unless every person does his or her part, gives his or her service, make his or her sacrifice, places self behind the need of the nation.

The flag means freedom for us all, but the flag, in the time of war, does not mean freedom of action for the individual.

The flag means restraint, cooperation, obedience, recognition of authority, preservation of law and order.

Most of all it means economy.

It means loyalty in little daily things as well as loyalty to the great principles of our government.

It means the conduct of our lives so that the nation may be hourly strengthened.

It means giving our best effort for the universal good.

It means careful living. It means stopping of waste. It means the uttermost use of our resources, our abilities and our strength for the Great Cause.

It means guarding our talk and avoiding useless discussion.

It means that the United States is first, paramount, supreme, and that the want or pleasure of action of each individual must be subordinated to that fact.

Three cheers for the red, white and blue.

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This is the truth. It applies to you. Your country calls upon you for "Service and Sacrifice". The call must be answered if the war is to be won.

The service which lies nearest to your hand, the service which will count most in winning the war, is this:

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